

Board Agenda Item
March 8, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Adoption of Minutes – January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board Meeting

ISSUE:

Approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting .

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting .

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 8, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Minutes of the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting

STAFF:

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Chief Operating Officer
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
January 25, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay**
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace*
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Member Absent

**Arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Guests: Boy Scout Troop 1547
Bruce McLeod, Park Foundation

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Elisa Lueck
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Seema Ajrawat
Ray Alexander
Nick Duray
Kirk Holley
Barbara Nugent
Ed Nutter
Don Sutherland
Bethany Timmes

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that Admin 2 Resolution Honoring Bruce McLeod upon the Conclusion of his Term as Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Foundation Chairman immediately following P-1. Fairfax County Park Foundation Presentation. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

With this change, Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

2006 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Batten stated that the 2006 Election of Park Authority Board Officers was placed on the Agenda and duly advertised.

Having previously distributed copies of his memorandum regarding the Nominating/Election Committee Reported, Mr. Batten, Chairman of the 2006 Nomination Committee, presented the Committee's proposed slate:

Chairman	Harold L. Strickland, Incumbent
Vice Chairman	Joanne E. Malone, Incumbent
Secretary-Treasurer	Frank S. Vajda, Incumbent

Chairman

Mr. Batten stated that the Nomination/Election Committee is recommending the following for the Park Authority Board's consideration:

Chairman: Harold L. Strickland

Mr. Batten called for other nominations from the floor for the **2006 Park Authority Board Chairman**. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Mr. Batten **MOVED** that the nomination be closed; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** Harold L. Strickland be approved as the 2006 Park Authority Board Chairman; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with all board members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

Mr. Batten **DECLARED** Mr. Strickland as the 2006 Park Authority Board Chairman. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Vice Chairman

Mr. Batten stated that the Nomination/Election Committee is recommending the following for the Park Authority Board's consideration:

Vice Chairman: Joanne E. Malone

Mr. Batten called for other nominations from the floor for the **2006 Park Authority Board Vice Chairman**. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Mr. Batten **MOVED** that the nomination be

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closed; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

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Mr. Bouie **MOVED** Joanne E. Malone be approved as the 2006 Park Authority Board Vice Chairman; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with all board members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

Mr. Batten **DECLARED** Ms. Malone as the 2006 Park Authority Board Vice Chairman. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Batten stated that the Nomination/Election Committee is recommending the following for the Park Authority Board's consideration:

Secretary-Treasurer: Frank S. Vajda

Mr. Batten called for other nominations from the floor for the **2006 Park Authority Board Secretary-Treasurer**. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Mr. Batten **MOVED** that the nomination be closed; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** Frank S. Vajda be approved as the 2006 Park Authority Board Vice Chairman; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with all board members being present except Messrs. Fay and Lovelace.

Mr. Batten **DECLARED** Mr. Vajda as the 2006 Park Authority Board Secretary-Treasurer. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

2006 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers

Mr. Batten announced that the 2006 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers are:

Chairman	Harold L. Strickland
Vice Chairman	Joanne E. Malone
Secretary-Treasurer	Frank S. Vajda

Installation of Officers

Mr. Batten announced that the installation of officers would be effective immediately. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

On behalf of the Nomination/Election Committee, Mr. Batten congratulated the 2006 Fairfax County Park Authority Board Officers and thanked the Board for their support during the nominating process.

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Mr. Batten thanked the Nomination/Election Committee, Ms. Kohler, Mr. Feng, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon for their participation.

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Mr. Strickland thanked the Nominating Committee for a great job, and stated that he hoped that this upcoming year will find the Executive Committee meeting the board's expectations.

NOTE: Kevin Fay arrived after the 2006 ELECTION OF OFFICERS; however, Mr. Fay stated that he would have voted for the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Chairman and Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Strickland welcomed Boy Scout Troop 1547 from Rocky Run Middle School, who are sponsored by the Greenbriar Homeowners Association. Mr. Strickland thanked Troop Leader Gary Pennett for bringing the scouts to the meeting to observe their government at work.

PRESENTATIONS

P-1 Fairfax County Park Foundation Presentation

Mr. McLeod reported that this year the Foundation was able to fund the following projects:

Open Space:	\$24,016.54
Bright Futures:	67,549.03
Clemyjontri:	86,355.98
Trail Fund:	11,000.00

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board, Mr. McLeod presented the Park Authority with a check for \$188,921.55.

On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mr. Strickland thanked Mr. McLeod and the Park Foundation Board.

Mr. McLeod reported that the Foundation will celebrate its fifth anniversary in June 2006. The Foundation has expanded its membership to 13 members, and hopefully 16 members by year's end. The Foundation Board is committed to help the Park Authority meet its goals with funding for the most critical needs for parks in the county.

Mr. McLeod noted that he will be stepping down as chairman of the Foundation and that Steve Thormahlen will become the new chairman and brings a lot of energy and excitement to the Board.

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ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Bruce McLeod upon the Conclusion of his Term as Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Foundation Chairman (with presentation)

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the resolution for Mr. McLeod upon the conclusion of his term as the Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Foundation Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Strickland read and presented the Resolution to Mr. McLeod.

Mr. Strickland thanked Bruce McLeod for the strong leadership he has displayed as chairman and as a member of the Foundation Board and set a high standard of excellence for other members to follow. The Park Authority Board approved and presented a resolution honoring Bruce McLeod and his service to the Park Foundation and the Park Authority.

Mr. Batten stated that it is a real pleasure to be liaison to the Park Foundation Board, and that Bruce McLeod has done a fantastic job and he is very pleased that Mr. McLeod will continue as a member of the Park Foundation Board.

Mr. McLeod thanked the Park Authority Board and staff.

P-2 Cross County TrailFest

Tim White provided an update of the Trailfest activities scheduled for May 6, 2006. The Park Authority and the Park Foundation are collaborating to make this the biggest and the best event in the county in 2006. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the completion of the trail, create a sense of community, showcase the Park Authority and the things it does in its everyday activities. The day will have a very strong stewardship and environmental flavor. The day presents internal and external opportunities, including staff training and development, giving staff the opportunity to understand what it takes to hold these events, and to work with more experienced staff members.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – January 11, 2006, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the January 11, 2006 Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. Being absent from the January 11, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Ms. Malone **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

ADMIN-2 Resolution Honoring Bruce McLeod upon the Conclusion of his Term as Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Foundation Chairman (with presentation)

This item was considered immediately following P-1. Fairfax County Park Foundation Presentation.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Approval – Advertisement of FY 2006 Fee Proposal and Public Comment Meeting Date**

This item was reviewed by the Joint Park Services and Resource Management Committees on January 11, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the advertisement of both the proposed fee changes and notification to hold a public comment meeting concerning the proposed fee changes on February 15, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Contract Award – Design Services for Observatory Park at Turner Farm Park

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 11, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the contract award to Technology WorX, L.L.C of Ashburn, Virginia in an amount not to exceed \$189,542, for design of The Turner Farm. In addition, the Mr. Fay recommends reserving \$18,954 or ten (10) percent of the contract award for contract contingency, and \$11,373 or six (6) percent of the contract award for administrative costs, and with a total cost of \$219,869; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no

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discussion on this item.

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A-3 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request – McLean Youth Soccer – Lewinsville Park

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 11, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from McLean Youth Soccer in the amount of \$10,000 for the renovation of the athletic field lighting system for the synthetic rectangle field at Lewinsville Park; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-4 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program Request – Brogue Charities, Inc. – Turner Farm Park

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on January 11, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program request from Brogue Charities, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 for developing the equestrian cross-country course at Turner Farm Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-5 Approval - Resolution by the Fairfax County Park Authority to oppose House Bill 1368, Home Serenity and Tranquility Act

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board recommends adoption of the Resolution to oppose House Bill 1368, Home Serenity and Tranquility Act, (which would have significant impact on the use of athletic fields and other park facilities).

This resolution will be submitted to Delegate Hull; the Fairfax County Delegation to the Virginia General Assembly; Board of Supervisors; Sue Mittereder, Legislative Director for Fairfax County Government.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEM**I-1 Early Season Use of Park Authority Athletic Fields by Fairfax County Public Schools**

This item was reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on December 7, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Fairfax County Public Schools requested early season use of Park Authority athletic fields. Because these dates were inconsistent with the Park Authority Field Use Policy 402, the Park Authority and the Public Schools entered into a Facilities Use Agreement to support school athletics. Staff reviewed the request and approved a total of 19 rectangular fields for the spring of 2006. They are:

High School	Park	Fields	Sport	Dates	Approved Times
Annandale	Ossian Hall	Skinned Diamonds 1 & 2	Softball	2/20/06-4/7/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm Sat. 9am-Noon
Centreville	Braddock	Rectangular Field 8	Boys & Girls Soccer	2/20/06-4/7/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Chantilly	Greenbriar	90' Diamond 1	Baseball	2/20/06-4/7/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Chantilly	Greenbriar	60' Diamond 3	Softball	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Chantilly	Greenbriar	Rectangular Field 4	Boys & Girls Soccer	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
J.E.B. Stuart	J.E.B. Stuart	Skinned Diamonds 1 & 2	Softball	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm Sat. 9am-Noon
Lake Braddock	Lake Braddock	Rectangular Fields 1 & 2	Boys & Girls Soccer	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Langley	Langley Fork	Rectangular Field 4	Girls Soccer / Lacrosse	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Lee	Lee High	Skinned Diamonds 1 & 2	Softball	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm Sat. 9am-Noon
Lee	Lee High	Rectangular Field 3	Girls Soccer	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm Sat. 9am-Noon
McLean	Lewinsville	Rectangular Fields 3 & 4	Boys & Girls Soccer	2/20/06-4/7/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
Mt. Vernon	George Washington	Rectangular Fields 1 & 2	Girls Soccer	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm
South Lakes	South Lakes Drive	Rectangular Field 1	Girls Soccer	2/20/06-3/24/06	M-F 3 - 5:30 pm

After Board discussion, Mr. White indicated that the *Facilities Use Agreement* between the Park Authority and Fairfax County Public Schools is in the process of being updated and that the agreement would come before the Park Operations for discussion prior to finalization by the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Interim Bond**

Mr. Strickland reported that a copy of the letter to Chairman Connolly requesting consideration of an interim bond in 2006 in the amount of \$28M, was located at their respective places. The letter covers three specific topics: Land Acquisition, Funding for Artificial Surfaces on Athletic Fields, and Funding for Trails.

The Chairman indicated that Mr. Kane met with Ed Long prior to preparation of the letter to Chairman Connolly to discuss the possibility of an interim bond for the Park Authority. While Ed Long did not say no to the bond, he did state that an interim bond is approved at the will of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Strickland asked staff to prepare talking points for the members of the Park Authority Board by Tuesday, January 31, 2006 so that they may discuss the interim bond with their respective supervisors and present a copy of his letter to Chairman Connolly, if they so choose.

- **Artificial Turf Field Program**

Mr. Strickland distributed a copy of a letter under his signature to Mark Meana, Chairman of the Fairfax County Youth Football League. The letter summarizes the biggest challenges and opportunities to getting artificial turf fields installed quickly and at the least cost.

Mr. Strickland stated that Mr. Lovelace reported that the Athletic Council met on January 18, 2006 and had selected three fields as their priority for synthetic turf. These fields are located at Wakefield Park, Mason District Park, and Waters Field in the Town of Vienna.

Mr. Strickland suggested that the Park Authority concur with the Athletic Council's selections and noted that the two Park Authority fields are on the Park Authority's workplan and on the CIP slated for irrigation.

Mr. Fay asked about the Park Authority's role in the selection process. Mr. Strickland responded that the Athletic Council reviewed the applications in the matching fund program and made its recommendation to the Department of Community and Recreation Services (DCRS). In turn the DCRS Director, Pat Franckewitz will make the final decision.

Mr. Strickland noted that the Athletic Council's program is to place one artificial turf field in each magisterial district.

Mrs. Shapiro recalled that when the Park Authority learned that the athletic field use fees were slated for development of artificial turf fields, the board as a group was somewhat relieved that the

Athletic Council was going to be responsible for making the decision as to which fields would be developed because the board knew that there would not be enough

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money to meet expectations. The Park Authority's primary concern with the whole process was whether or not these artificial turf fields would be moved ahead of other projects in its own sports program. The board wanted to make sure that that did not happen, and that the citizens coherently understood that these fields were not given automatic priority status.

Mr. Fay objected to the fact that the Park Authority would be responsible for managing the installation without having any input into the selection of the fields.

In light of the remainder of the agenda, Mr. Batten suggested that the Board table the discussion for another meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board; this item was TABLED.**

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **Length of Service Recognition**

Mr. Kane reported that on Friday, February 24, 2006 the County Executive and Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly will be honoring approximately 1,400 county employees with length of service recognition certificates. These are employees who have had 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 or more years of service to the county. Mr. Kane stated that he was pleased to announce that within the county, Park Authority employee Charlie Reed is the only employee that will be recognized for 40 years of service. George T. Cockrill will be honored with 35 years of service.

Park Authority Employees with 25 years of service: Dolores Claytor, Jeffrey Davison, Doreen Henry, Cindy Messinger, Garry Murray, Denice Shrader, and Dawn Stoffelen.

- **Alan Crofford Receives Cross County Trail Champion Award**

Mr. Kane asked Mr. White to present this item.

Mr. White reported that at the 5th Annual Cross County Trail Caucus held on January 23, 2006 Alan Crofford, Area 6 Manager, received the Cross County Trail Champion Award for 2005. This award is presented each year by Fairfax Trails and Streams and the Potomac River Greenways Coalition to recognize outstanding work supporting the Cross County Trail. This year's award was presented to Alan in recognition of his quick response to maintenance needs on the trail, but especially for his management of two major projects that contributed toward the completion of the trail in 2005. The projects were: 1) installation of the mile and the half-mile markers on 36 miles of the trail, and 2) the coordination of the installation of two fiberglass bridges using Park Authority staff and volunteer labor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Nomination/Election Committee

Chairman: Mr. Batten

Members: Ms. Kohler, Mr. Feng, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon

Mr. Batten, Chairman of the Nomination/Election Committee, conducted the 2006 ELECTION OF OFFICERS at the start of the board meeting and thanked the members of the committee for their participation.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. Strickland

Members: Ms. Malone and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Mr. Kane

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that the committee meets prior to all board meetings and on the Park Authority Board's Committee Day. Mr. Strickland distributed copies of the committee minutes dated October 5, 2005, November 2, 2005, December 7, 2005, and January 11, 2006. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration and Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Batten

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Mr. Batten, Chairman of the Administration and Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated November 2, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

Budget Committee

Chairman: Mr. Feng

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Bouie, and Mr. Fay

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, Administration Division

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated September 14, 2005 and December 14, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

Planning and Development Committee

Chairman: Mrs. Shapiro

Members: Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development

Mrs. Shapiro, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated October 5, 2005, November 2, 2005, December 7, 2005 and January 11, 2006. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006.

Park Operations Committee

Chairman: Ms. Malone

Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations

Ms. Malone, Chairman of the Park Operations Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated November 2, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

Resource Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Vajda

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon

Staff: Cindy Messinger, Division Director for Resource Management

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated September 28, 2005, October 26, 2005, November 9, 2005, and December 14, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

Park Services Committee

Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon

Members: Mr. Batten, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Division Director for Park Services

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Park Services Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated October 5, 2005 and December 7, 2005. The next committee meeting will be announced.

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JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Park Operations and Administration and Management Committees

Park Operations Committee

Chairman: Ms. Malone

Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: TBD, Division Director for Park Operations

Administration and Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Batten

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Ms. Malone and Mr. Batten, Chairmen of the Park Operations and the Administration and Management Committees respectively, distributed copies of the joint committee minutes dated September 7, 2005.

Joint Park Services and Resource Management Committees

Park Services Committee

Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon

Members: Mr. Batten, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Division Director for Park Services

Resource Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Vajda

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon

Staff: Cindy Messinger, Division Director for Resource Management

Messrs. McCutcheon and Vajda, Chairmen of the Park Services and the Resource Management Committees respectively, distributed copies of the joint committee minutes dated December 7, 2005.

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Vajda requested that the Joint Park Operations/Administration and Management Committees minutes dated September 7, 2005, the Administration and Management Committee minutes dated November 2, 2005, the Budget Committee minutes dated September 14, 2005 and December 14, 2005, the Resource Management Committee minutes dated September 28, 2005, October 26, 2005, November 9, 2005, and December 14, 2005, the Park Services Committee minutes dated October 5, 2005 and December 7, 2005, the Executive Committee minutes dated October 5, 2005, November 2, 2005, December 7, 2005 and January 11, 2006, the Park Operations Committee minutes dated November 2, 2005, the Planning and Development

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Committee minutes dated October 5, 2005, November 2, 2005, December 7, 2005 and January 11, 2005 and the Joint Park Services/Resource Management Committees minutes dated December 7, 2005, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone stated that she attended the Cross County Trail Caucus and was pleased to see that Alan Crofford, Area 6 Manager, had been recognized. Ms. Malone thanked Mark Garrah for the video that he presented and Mr. Kane, who introduced the video.

Ms. Malone mentioned the dedication of Briarwood Park to the Park Authority. This park was proffered and developed with a gazebo, picnic area, multipurpose courts, and trails running through the wooded area and is ADA accessible. The community built a house for the Habitat for Humanity and renovated a house as well. This is a wonderful addition to Providence District and it is really appreciated. Supervisor Smyth was instrumental in the proffer and development of Briarwood Park.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda thanked the guests in the gallery for attending the meeting. Mr. Vajda indicated that he asked staff to pass a sign-up sheet so the guests could be fully recognized for their participation.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon reported that he attended the farewell reception for Ted Zavora. He commented that Lynn Tadlock and her staff did a fantastic job.

Mr. McCutcheon reported that he sat next to Estelle Holley, former Member and Chairman of the Park Authority Board at the time that he began to serve. Much of their conversation was taken up by House Bill 1368 and Delegate Bob Hull, who had also served on the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon thanked Lynn Tadlock and all her staff for organizing Ted's farewell luncheon and stated that he will miss Ted.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro had no comments.

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- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng stated that he too attended the reception for Ted Zavora. Mr. Feng noted that he had very high respect for Ted and now has even more respect for him because of the presentation on Ted's career. Ted has set a good example for the rest of the staff.

On Sunday, January 22, 2006, Mr. Feng participated in a nature hike at E.C. Lawrence Park with his son's Boy Scout Troop. Eden Butler, naturalist at the park, did an outstanding job.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay thanked Mr. Feng's wife for the delicious egg rolls.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten congratulated the newly elected officers of the Park Authority Board, and noted that he is looking forward to the upcoming year and to many more evening such as this one; however, not as long.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler stated she had the pleasure of being the Master of Ceremonies for the Cross County Trail Caucus, otherwise known as the Jenny Pate cookie bake. Ms. Kohler reported that Jenny Pate bakes gigantic homemade cookies, candies and brownies, and even has a cookie cutter of the Cross County Trail logo. The event was well attended. The video was extremely well done. The Director was in the video in his biking gear. The video is available to homeowners' association, community service groups, and scout groups.

Ms. Kohler stated that that Trailfest is gearing up to be one of the most exciting things that will happen in the county in 2006. Ms. Kohler noted that she has been receiving email messages from people wanting to know how they can participate in the event.

Ms. Kohler congratulated the newly elected officers.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace was absent.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Prior to being on the Park Authority Board, Mr. Glasgow reported that he and Frank Vajda were instrumental in the organization of the Friends of Hidden Oaks Nature Center (FHONC), which has grown in size and in contribution to the community. Mr. Glasgow informed the Board that on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, the Friends of Hidden Oaks Nature

Center will provide a status report of its program “Create

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Your Yard as a Wild Habitat". They are working with the National Wildlife Federation, Home Depot, Capital Region Earth Force, Virginia Conservation Trust and others to get as many properties in the Mason District certified as wildlife habitats, thereby certifying the entire district as a wildlife habitat.

Mr. Glasgow recalled that at the committee meeting there was some concern about the Observatory Park and whether or not it was the best place in the county to stargaze.

Mr. Glasgow has been assured by the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club that The Turner Farm Observatory Park is one of the best places in Fairfax County to observe stars. The other is located at the end of Mason Neck.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie reminded the Board Members that the public hearing for Lawyers Road Park will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 7 p.m. at Flint Hill Elementary School in Vienna.

Mr. Bouie asked about the status of surplus school properties. Mr. Kane stated that he discussed the properties list with Ed Long, the individual Board members have been briefed on the list and the decision is in the hands of Chairman Connolly to move it forward to the Board of Supervisors for final decision.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon.

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

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BOARD WORKSHOP:

The Park Authority Board continued with the Workshop for 2006 – 2010 Strategic Plan.

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ACTION - 1

Authorization to Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Revisions to the Park Authority Regulations Jointly with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends the Park Authority Board authorize a public hearing to be held jointly with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority on the proposed revisions to the Park Authority Regulations, as presented to and reviewed by the Administration and Management Committee on February 22, 2006.

ACTION - 2

Allocation of Previously Appropriated Funds from General Park Improvement Projects – (Springfield and Mount Vernon Districts)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends the Park Authority Board approve the allocation of previously appropriated General Park Improvement funds to complete the following projects:

- Repair and repainting of the Burke Lake Train
- Replacement of the Fire Alarm System at George Washington RECenter
- Installation of an Ultra-Violet Light System on the George Washington RECenter Pool

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 22, 2006.

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INFORMATION - 1

Update on the Comprehensive Fund Management Plan

As presented to and reviewed by the Budget Committee on February 22, 2006.

INFORMATION -2

Park Authority Stewardship Update

As presented to and reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on February 22, 2006.

INFORMATION - 3

Funding Update for Park Capital Construction Projects

As presented to and reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on March 8, 2006.